



## Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference

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### MEMORANDUM

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TO: Paul DiStefano

FROM: Ken B. Moore

SUBJECT: Maine Growing Area Classification Review

As discussed in our telephone conversation earlier this week regarding your visit to Maine the week of August 21, 2000, I request your growing water classification review be conducted in a manner which will provide the U.S. Food and Drug Administration adequate information to resolve the following concerns:

- Does the growing area Sanitary Survey for Biddeford Pool near the mouth of the Saco River support the present classification.
- Is the growing water classification approach used by the State of Maine consistent with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. I request specific attention be given to the requirements outlined in Model Ordinance Chapter IV .02 which address sampling requirements.

The Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference appreciates the efforts of the FDA in conducting this review. I have spoken with Amy Fitzpatrick of the Maine Department of Marine Resources and she indicated the agency is anxious to have this matter resolved.

If I can provide any assistance to you or others involved in the review, please contact me.

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cc: Amy Fitzpatrick  
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